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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~--The present invention comprises a computer program which displays a number of objects in some form of organized, often hierarchial, fashion commonly known as a categorization table. In summary, the ordering program displays a categorization table organizes data under successive and expandable levels of categorized headings, assigns the appropriate vendor specific names, SKU codes, part numbers, universal product code, and/or bar codes, and then transfers this specific information to a merchant or vendor for processing of the order. The programs allows the user to manipulate the data or to select objects for appropriate actions (starting a program, printing a construction material supply list, transferring a generated list(s) to the vendor/merchant, etc.). Once the categorization table is completed, a specific report can be generated from the program. This report is a material and supply list which details the vendor/merchant specific names, stock keeping unit (SKU) codes, vendor part numbers, universal product code, and/or bar codes and quantity requested for each material listed on the table. This report also provides contractor identification information (name, address, telephone number) and specific job number, and accounting information (purchase order number or credit card number). Furthermore, this report is then transferred to the identified vendor/merchant for processing, and possible delivery of materials and supplies, including confirmation of the order.~~ A method for facilitating the ordering of construction supplies by a customer over the Internet is provided. The method comprises: receiving a supplier reference indicating a supplier; providing the customer with a phase list comprising references to each of a plurality of construction phases; receiving a customer selection of a construction phase from the phase list; providing the customer with a supply list comprising references to a plurality of supplies associated with the selected construction phase, the plurality of supplies being available from the indicated supplier; allowing the customer to make a supply selection of at least one supply from the supply list; recording the supply selection; listing the supply selection; allowing the customer to remove

supply selections from the listing; and transferring the list to the indicated supplier in response to

an order send command.--